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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN BASE SITE AND EGYPT

REF: (A) STATE 28035, (B) CAIRO 1581

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT OF LETTER WHICH WE PROPOSE SEND TO
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER/MINISTER OF WAR GENERAL GAMASY FROM
AMBASSADOR. REQUEST DEPARTMENT/SSM APPROVAL.

2. QUOTE AT THE REQUEST OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE SINAI SUPPORT
MISSION, I AM FORWARDING THE U.S.PROPOSAL REGARDING THE
COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN THE SINAI FIELD MISSION (SFM)
HEADQUARTERS AND THE MINISTRY OF WAR IN CAIRO
FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF ALL ALERT ACTIVITY DETECTED BY THE SFM.
WE BELIEVE THE ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE STRUCTURED
AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE SFM WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INSTALLATION,
OPEATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
TO INSURE RAPID, RECORD TYPE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE
SFM HEADQUARTERS AND THE EGYPTIAN SURVEILLANCE SITE AT E-1.

B. AN SFM LIAISON OFFICER WILL BE ON DUTY 24 HOURS
A DAY AT E-1 TOGETHER WITH AN EGYPTIAN LIAISON OFFICER
TO OPERATE THIS EQUIPMENT, MONITOR THE COMMUNICATIONS AND
TRANSMIT THEM TO THE MINISTRY OF WAR IN CAIRO.

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C. THE COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AT E-1 FROM THE SFM HEADQUARTERS WILL BE RELAYED DIRECTLY TO THE MINISTRY OF WAR ON THE EGYPTIAN COMMUNICATION SYTEM BETWEEN E-1 AND CAIRO.

"I AM ASKED TO REITERATE THE U.S. ASSURANCE THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE SFM HEADQUARTERS AND THE TWO SIDES WILL BE IDENTICAL.

"SHOULD THERE BE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROPOSAL, YOU MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THEM WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE SFM, MR. NICHOLAS THORNE, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN CAIRO ON FEBRUARY 12 AND HOPES TO MEET WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY SOMETIME IN THE AFTERNOON OF THAT SAME DAY, DEPENDING UPON YOUR CONVENIENCE. UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT SFM COMMUNICATIONS EXPERT ACCOMPANY THORNE FOR ANTICIPATED FEB 12 MEETING WITH GAMASY AND STAFF.
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